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Outcome of LEG 81

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This note provides information on the outcome of LEG 81 which is of interest to the Committee.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 5
<i>Related documents:</i>	LEG 81/11

1 The Legal Committee held its eighty-first session from 27 to 31 March 2000 and its report was circulated under the symbol LEG 81/11. The matters of interest to the Committee are summarized in the following paragraphs.

Compensation for pollution from ship's bunkers

2 The Legal Committee continued with its consideration of an international regime for liability and compensation for damage caused by oil from ships' bunkers. In the process of consideration, several amendments to the draft convention were finally agreed in connection with the definition of shipowner, bunker fuel oil and pollution damage, as well as on provisions regulating liability, compulsory insurance or financial security and jurisdiction.

3 At the end of the meeting week, the Legal Committee agreed that it had completed the consideration of the draft international convention on civil liability for bunker oil pollution damage and the draft convention should be forwarded to a diplomatic conference for adoption. To this end the Legal Committee restated its decision to forego one of the four meeting weeks allocated to it during the present biennium.

4 The Legal Committee decided to confirm its previous recommendation, which was approved by the Council and the Assembly, and requested to the Council that the diplomatic conference be convened for a period of one week, preferably to take place during the first half of 2001, in lieu of a session of the Legal Committee.

Action requested of the Committee

5 The Committee is invited to note the above information.

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